

STAKEHOLDER'S GUIDE TO REVIEW OF THE

2006 STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed a draft version of a 2006 State Forest Management Plan (SFMP), which was released for public review and comment on July 24, 2006. Public notification of the 2006 SFMP included a press release, the DNR calendar, posting upon the internet, and the mailing of letters and copies to stakeholder organizations.

The public comment period is open through August 31, 2006.

Electronic copies of the 2006 SFMP (along with a form for use in submitting comments) are available on the DNR webpage at: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Public comments may be submitted in writing to:

ATTN: STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION FOREST, MINERAL AND FIRE MANAGEMENT MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES P.O. BOX 30452 LANSING MI 48909-7952

Public comments may be submitted electronically via email address: Dnr-2006sfmp@michigan.gov.

Throughout the public comment period, comments received via mailed comment form, email, or other written correspondence will be sequentially logged into a database record which will summarize a concern or suggestion and provide a record of the DNR response to the comment. Results of the stakeholder meeting sessions will be summarized and made available to the public.

Opportunities for public comment will also be available at the following meetings:

1. Public Open Houses

Open houses will be held from **6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** See below for dates and locations.

August 14, 2006	Don H. Bottum University Center, Northern Michigan University 2102 University Center, Marquette, MI
August 15, 2006	Cisler Center, Lake Superior State University 650 W. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
August 16, 2006	Best Western Alpine Lodge, 833 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI
August 17, 2006	McGuire's Resort, 7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI
August 22, 2006	Eberhard Conference Center, Grand Valley State University 301 W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI
August 24, 2006	Eagle Crest Resort Conference Center, Eastern Michigan University 1275 S. Huron Street. Ypsilanti. MI

The format for these meetings will be an opening PowerPoint presentation, followed by a general question and answer period.

2. Stakeholder Forum

A stakeholder forum will be held at The Lansing Center, located at 333 E. Michigan Avenue, in downtown Lansing, on **August 23, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The forum is intended for representatives of stakeholder groups that are Statewide in scope. The forum is being facilitated by MSU Extension. Invitations for this meeting were sent to stakeholder groups.

The DNR Deputy Director for Resource Management and the Chiefs of the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM), Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks and Recreation, and Law Enforcement Divisions will be attending the forum.

3. August 10, 2006 - Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Copies of the 2006 SFMP were mailed to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) at the end of July. The NRC will be briefed on the 2006 SFMP by the FMFM Chief at this meeting. The brief will include a summary of the stakeholder meeting processes and the other means of receiving and recording public comments.

4. September 13, 2006 - Forest Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Copies of the 2006 SFMP were mailed to the Forest Management Advisory Committee. The committee will be presented with a summary of our response to public comments at their September 13, 2006, meeting.

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